

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

New Claims 54-106 are herewith provided to overcome the Examiner's rejections to original Claims 1-53, which have now been cancelled.

Pending Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pronin et al. The Examiner's point that the prior art reference taught what was presented in Claim 1 is acknowledged and accepted. Claim 1 has been cancelled, along with Claims 2 and 3, which both depended upon Claim 1.

Claims 1-53 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Various indefinite words and phrases were included in numerous original claims. Claim 4-53 have been rewritten and submitted within new Claims 54-106 in terms that are not indefinite.

The Examiner's very useful comments concerning "allowable subject matter" are appreciated. Taking the Examiner's comments into consideration, Applicant's new claims (Claims 54-106) have added the Examiner's suggested focus on the cited "allowable subject matter" with various increasing and definite limitations.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections to the Claims and pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (916) 498-1010.

Respectfully submitted,

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